

Navy In Favor Of Holding Big Football Game In New York Every Year

Service Agreement Is Hardly to Be Changed

Nevertheless, Sentiment at Navy Grows in Favor of New York for Big Contests—This Year's Occurrences Swing Doubting Thomases.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—In spite of the fact that the sentiment for playing all of the football games between the teams of the Naval and Military Academies in New York city has made some inroads among naval people, nothing has occurred which makes it probable that the definite agreement between the athletic representatives of the services to play the games of 1916 and 1918 in Philadelphia, and that of 1917 in New York, will be changed. Any proposal to this end would naturally come from the Navy, if it should be made, as the agreement represented a compromise, the Army people desiring New York as the permanent location of the annual game, and the Navy people holding firmly to Philadelphia.

Prior to the game of 1913, the first played in New York, representatives of the services made an agreement as to the time of playing which covered a period of ten years, and as to the place of playing, which covered five years. The game was to be played, it was agreed, upon the Saturday nearest November 25—either before or after as the case might be—and alternate between New York and Philadelphia, the first, third, and last game being played in the latter place. Two of these games have been played, and it is not likely that the agreement will be changed during the period.

It cannot be denied that Naval sentiment is, on the whole, more favorable to New York than it has been at any time previously, and that Naval people who attended the game found all the incidents much more satisfactory than they did two years ago, when all the midshipmen were considerably delayed in reaching the grounds, and had a most disagreeable trip from Annapolis and back again in one day. This year, one detachment of midshipmen arrived well before the game, and the other was delayed slightly, but reached the Polo Grounds before the contest actually started.

The great objection to New York from the Naval standpoint was the long trip which it entailed upon the midshipmen and other naval people in this region. This was met in part this year by permitting the midshipmen to remain in New York over the night of the game. The plan worked well, and though it entailed some expense upon the midshipmen and other members of the naval contingent, the midshipmen themselves were delighted with the privilege of spending a night in the vicinity of the "Land of Life," and in accordance with any plan which means its repetition. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the confidence held by Superintendent Eberle that the midshipmen's bearing and conduct would be above criticism was justified absolutely, and not one incident of improper behavior was reported.

On the other hand, a great many naval people—those living in Annapolis and Washington, great naval colonies, particularly—feel that it is unfair on the part of the army people to insist upon a place which is so much nearer to them than to the naval people, when Philadelphia offers proper facilities, and is very nearly equally distant from both. A very large number of naval people attached to the Academy did not see the game at all this year, and say that they do not expect to make the trip to New York to see it at any time.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Bob Folwell, winning coach at Washington and Jefferson, is willing to coach Pennsylvania without salary, if it will only bring success to the Red and Blue.

"I have not been approached by anybody in authority at Penn," explained Folwell yesterday. "and I don't know whether I will be, but I am a loyal Pennsylvanian at heart, and will take the position for nothing if they want me to bring Penn out of the rut."

"I could get more money if I renewed my contract with Washington and Jefferson, but if the opportunity is offered me to take complete charge here I would consider it a great honor and accept the position gladly."

"There must be some sort of a change here," he went on. "The men in charge of football here for the last three years have not made good, as their records clearly show, and they have given some mighty weak excuses for their failures. Take their excuse of light material, for instance. Then compare the weight of this year's and last year's with my teams at W. and J. Why, one of my guards was only seventeen years old and my halfbacks both weighed less than 145 pounds."

"They say that the material was green here this year, but when I played on Penn we had much worse and greener material to start with, yet one of the best teams ever representing the university was turned out. Down at W. and J. there were only three veterans for this year's team, and we had one of the hardest schedules in the country, yet we lost only to Harvard and Pittsburgh. We beat teams like Lehigh and Yale early in the season with practically an entirely green team. Certainly our schedule was much harder and arranged much more poorly than Penn's."

"There are only about 30 students at Washington and Jefferson, and fourteen units are required for matriculation there, as compared with twelve at Penn. There are well over 5,000 students at Pennsylvania, and when coaches go there each year there is something radically wrong, and I would like to help to correct it."

Johns Hopkins May Seek Eddie Mahan for Coach

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—If Charlie Brickley decides not to return as coach of the Johns Hopkins eleven for 1916, an effort will be made to obtain Eddie Mahan, this year's Crimson captain. If Mahan cannot come, offers will be made to either Stanley Pennock or "Tack" Hardwick, teammates with Brickley at Harvard. However, it is expected that Brickley will come back, though he is being deluged with tempting offers from other colleges. Colgate is the latest to seek his services as coach for 1916.

New Virginia Leader



HAROLD SPARR.

Of Memphis, Tenn., who has been chosen captain of the 1916 Virginia varsity eleven. He is a medical school man, plays fullback on the team, and has one more year of football at Charlottesville.

Few Fordham Players to Get Insignia This Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Few of the men who wore the football uniform of Fordham will get their "F" this season if the suggestions made by the Maroon athletic council yesterday are accepted by the student body. For some time, especially since football was restored at Fordham, the athletic authorities were intent on giving out the "F" and this lately aroused the students, who could not see the justice in the rule which gave the man who was a regular all season the same honor as any of the players who got in for a half of one of the football title contests.

According to the suggestion now offered a player must be in for at least a full championship game, and in addition, six full periods of other games. The championship contests were those against Villanova, Holy Cross and Georgetown. As a result of the new clause several of the men who got letters in 1914 will be eliminated this year. Several others who were reduced to the scrub after playing in all the periods of the disastrous Georgetown contest, will lose by the six minor period requirement.

Four Men for Place.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Twenty-two men who played in the Dartmouth, Michigan, and Cornell games will receive the variety P today and vote for the football captain at Pennsylvania. While there seems to have been many rumors around as to the logical man for the captaincy, it is still an unsettled question. Matthews, Strav, Miller, and Williams all seem to have their backing among the members of the team.

CLEVELAND CUTTING OUT ALL TANK TOWNS

Indians Decide to Do All Barnstorming in New Orleans Next Spring.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—Lee Fohl's Indians will do all their barnstorming in one picturesque spot next spring, and this will be in New Orleans, the quaint French city which has been selected as the 1916 training camp.

The Redskins will gather in camp on March 1 and will remain there until April 9, according to the present indications. This would put the team back North in time for the season opening, which probably will take place on April 12 or 14.

No games will be played en route, and in this respect the trip will be similar to the one of 1910, when the team jumped direct to St. Louis for the opening of Colonel Hedges' new park and the beginning of the championship race.

After the experience in San Antonio last season, when the squad had only five days of real warm weather, the Indian officials must feel that the training proposition is a gamble any way it is taken. It is possible to play winter ball in New Orleans almost without interruption and usually the spring is good.

The decision to eliminate one-day stands probably was reached after the 1915 experience in this regard when Palestine, Tex., and New Orleans were the only towns in which some interest got anything like an even break.

Baker Prefers Home to Traveling With Ball Club

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—"Frank Baker will very likely remain at Trappe, Md., said Captain Huston, of the Yankees, today. "He prefers home life and \$250 playing semi-pro ball to a larger salary with a major league club."

"We had permission to talk business with him from Connie Mack, and we may be in good luck to sign with the Yankees, but he turned it down."

CHAPMAN TO REMAIN WITH CLEVELANDERS

Charlie Somers Vehemently Denies That Star Shortstop Will Be On Market.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—"Ray Chapman is not on the market, hasn't been on the market, nor will he be on the market," is the reply of Charlie Somers, boss of the Indians, to the tale running around the American League that the star shortstop and field captain is to figure in a four-corner deal sending him to the Philadelphia Athletics.

"I have denied this story before, and I do so again for the last time. Chapman will be with the Indians in 1916."

However, Cleveland fans are looking for salt to go with this story, remembering how Somers once said that there was no chance for Larry Lajoie to leave the team, and how he repeated himself about Joe Jackson. Yet, both Larry and Joe were let go. Not a cent was received for Lajoie, while one player is yet to be received in the deal that made Jackson a member of the White Sox.

One rumor has Chapman going to Philadelphia in a four-corner deal. Another has him going to Boston in a deal bringing Joe Wood, Ray Collins and Larry Gardner here. The fans are wondering where the next rumor will send him.

Richards Must Return Medals Won in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Alvah Richards, who gained international fame by winning the high jump at the 1912 Olympic games, today was declared ineligible to compete in meets of the Central District A. A. C. His last residence, when he took part in the meet here last July, was at Provo, Utah, not Chicago, as noted on his entry blank.

The board of managers ruled that Richards must give back the medals he won in the July meet. Competing for the Illinois A. C. he took first place in the fifty-six-pound weight event, second in the high jump, and third in the discus and javelin throws.

PERMANENT BRANCH UNDERCONSIDERATION

Fred Rice May Propose Association for Basketball Teams of This Section.

When tennis enthusiasts of this section meet Dr. Faycroft at the Willard Hotel tomorrow to listen to a correct interpretation of the basketball rules, it is probable that a proposition to organize a permanent basketball association for the local teams will be made. The association may be organized to embrace sections including Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. One of the more prominent Washington basketball men who is in favor of such a move is Fred Rice, coach of the Catholic University team. Rice has done much to boost basketball, and when tomorrow's meeting is convened he may be the one to suggest a movement as described above.

Kilbane Wins Bout.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 3.—Johnny Kilbane gave Patsy Brannigan a beating here last night. They fought ten rounds, Brannigan showed well in the first two but after that it was Kilbane's fight.

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